

## Message Text

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INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 EB-11 COME-00 FEA-02 AEC-11 AID-20

CEA-02 CIAE-00 CIEP-03 DODE-00 FPC-01 H-03 INR-11

INT-08 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-07 OMB-01 PM-07 RSC-01 SAM-01

SCI-06 SP-03 SS-20 STR-08 TRSE-00 FRB-03 /149 R

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APPROVED BY NEA/INS:DKUX

EB/FSE:LRAICHT (INFO)

EB/CBA:JNESVIG (INFO)

COMMERCE: (INFO)

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R 310044Z AUG 74

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY COLOMBO

INFO AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ENRG, CE

SUBJ : SRI LANKA OIL EXPLORATION

REF: COLOMBO 2445

1. DEPT. PASSED TO ZAPATA REP MCMURRAY INFO CONTAINED  
REFTEL. WE DID NOT OF COURSE REVEAL SOURCES OF INFO  
CONTAINED PARAS TWO AND THREE.

2. MCMURRAY SAID ZAPATA HAD CABLED PROPOSAL TO CEYLON  
PETROLUEM CORPORATION (CPC) AUGUST 12 PROVIDING FOR  
ZAPATA/CPC JOINT VENTURE. CPC OFFICIALS EARLIER HAD  
TOLD MCMURRAY THEY EXPECTED TO BE ABLE TO RESPOND  
AFFIRMATIVELY TO PROPOSAL FOLLOWING DISCUSSION WITH  
INDUSTRIES MINISTER SUBASINGHE. CPC HAS ACKNOWLEDGED  
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RECEIPT OF ZAPATA AUG. 12 PROPOSAL BUT HAS NOT YET

GIVEN RESPONSE TO IT. ZAPATA MAY SEND FOLLOW-UP SOON.

3. MCMURRAY TOLD DEPT OFF THAT TRADE JOURNAL REPORTS  
CHIEFTAN FIRM OF CANADA HAD REACHED AGREEMENT WITH CPC  
WHICH PROVIDES 50/50 SHARING OF CRUDE OIL OFF-TAKE OR  
OF PROCEEDS IF CPC WISHES TO SELL OIL ITSELF. KISSINGER

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## Message Attributes

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